

WASHINGTON. D.C. – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-CA) sent a letter today to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano asking the department to cooperate with a committee investigation “of stimulus spending in order to ensure taxpayer funds are spent wisely and efficiently.”

The Associated Press has reported that “despite Obama's promises that the stimulus plan would be transparent and free of politics, the government is handing out \$720 million for border upgrades under a process that is both secretive and susceptible to political influence. This allowed low-priority projects such as the checkpoint in Whitetail, Mont., to skip ahead of more pressing concerns, according to documents revealed to The Associated Press.”

“The President promised an ‘unprecedented oversight effort’ and to this point, has failed to follow-through,” Issa said. “President Obama has stressed the need to make sure that every single dollar of stimulus funding is well spent and free from political interference – yet new reports continue to surface that indicate the Administration’s disbursement of stimulus dollars is being influenced by politics.”

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